

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Katy Allen

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION  
OF PROPERTY FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> AND 4<sup>th</sup>  
STREET COUPLET CONVERSION**

**DATE:** 01-05-05

Approved



Date

1/11/05

Council District: 3

SNI: Thirteenth Street

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the acceptance of a donation of property located at 298 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, from the Green Valley Corporation.

CEQA: Negative Declaration and addenda thereto, PP02-05-115 and PP04-293.

## BACKGROUND

In June 2002, Council approved the Downtown Access and Circulation Study. The study was prepared by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the San José Redevelopment Agency (SJRA), working together with a task force of Downtown area neighborhood, business and San José State University representatives. The purpose of the study was to develop a multi-modal transportation plan that supported the growth projections and goals of the Downtown Strategy Plan, and in a manner that also enhanced livability for Downtown area neighborhoods. A major recommendation of the study was the modification of several one-way street couplets to two-way streets.

One of the couplet modification projects is the conversion of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets from one-way streets to two-way streets between Julian and Jackson Streets and on Julian Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. The SJRA has allocated funding for this project since the project is ranked as a number one priority in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) plan. The major scope elements of the project include the modification of traffic signals and railroad crossing gates to safely accommodate the conversion of traffic from one-way to two-way operations. The proposed improvements are constructed within the City street right-of-way, with the exception of the installation of a standard wheelchair ramp, to be constructed on an existing vacant parcel at the southeast corner of Julian and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets owned by Green Valley Corporation (GVC).

## **ANALYSIS**

On December 7, 2004, Green Valley Corporation was approached to discuss proposed wheelchair ramp improvements. GVC decided that a donation to the City for the completion of the wheelchair ramp would be beneficial to both the owner and the public. Therefore GVC is willing to donate a portion of the frontage commonly known as 298 N. 4th Street, assessor's parcel number 467-01-049, for the ramp. GVC has signed a donation agreement.

It would be beneficial to the public to construct the sidewalk providing wheelchair ramp access to this corner. Currently wheelchairs must access the driveway a few feet to the south of this corner. Wheelchair ramp access will complete the improvements in this area meeting Americans for Disability Access (ADA) requirements. Acceptance of the donation will allow the City to construct the much needed sidewalk modifications in this particular location and to conform the corner for wheelchair ramp access. Pedestrians, families and the general public needing wheelchair ramp access will be able to more safely navigate the 4<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalks.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Staff met with the owner and had various communications pertaining to the proposed street conversions project. Outreach was completed as part of the planning process for the City's proposed improvements on the property.

## **COORDINATION**

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office and the Departments of Transportation and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement.

## **COST IMPLICATIONS**

There are no acquisition costs associated with this donation except for routine staff costs involved in handling the transaction and minimal escrow and closing costs. The costs are estimated to not exceed \$3,000.

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

01-05-05

**Subject: Acceptance of Donation of Property for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Coupler Conversion**

Page 3

**BUDGET REFERENCE**

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn.	Amt. For Contract	Adopted Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
450	TBD	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> St. Couplet Conversion – Phase II Project (PSM 394)		\$1,757,000	\$3,000	N/A	12-14-04 Council Approval
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,757,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>		

**CEQA**

Negative Declaration and addenda thereto, PP02-05-115 and PP04-293.

*Katy Allen*

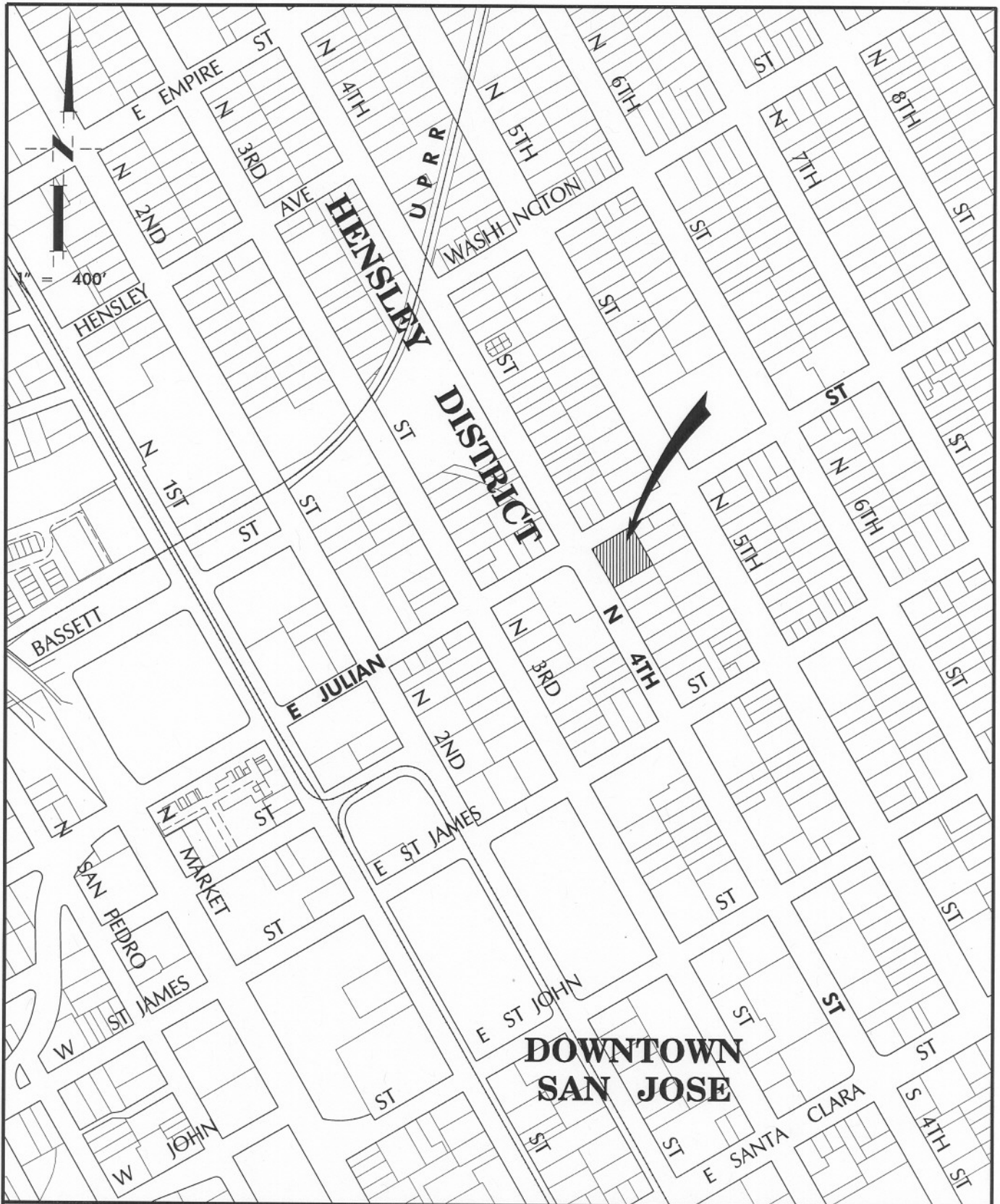
KATY ALLEN

Director, Public Works Department

DR:hla

1\_25\_05#5.doc

Attachments



3rd & 4th STREETS COUPLET CONVERSION PROJECT  
PROPERTY LOCATION

CITY OF SAN JOSE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DECEMBER 2004